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(b) Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

The sixteenth ministerial session of the World Food Council will open on Monday morning, 21 May 1990, in Bangkok, Thailand. Full details of the opening ceremony will be announced as soon as the arrangements are finalized with the Host Government.

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Item 2: The global state of hunger and malnutrition - 1990 report

Building on the review of "World hunger fifteen years after the World Food Conference" (Cairo, 1989), an updated report on the global state of hunger and malnutrition will focus the attention of the Council on the need for urgent action to improve the food security situation of poor and vulnerable groups.

Documentation: WFC/1990/2 - The global state of hunger and malnutrition

Item 3: Translating the commitment of the Cairo Declaration into action: priorities and requirements in the years ahead

In Cairo, member countries agreed to: review their policies and programmes to provide food security for all people; devise corrective measures to address inadequacies; improve the effectiveness of development aid, through a better co-ordinated focus on the needs of the poorest; and report on progress since Cairo to the sixteenth ministerial session. At the session in Bangkok, members should consider:

A. Additional and more effective measures by Governments to alleviate hunger and poverty

At the recent regional consultations (held in San José, Cairo and Bangkok) developing-country Council members discussed their experiences with policies and programmes to maintain and improve food security and access to food by the poor. Given that additional action is required urgently, Council ministers are invited to identify the more immediate priorities and requirements for additional policy measures and special programmes to improve the food security of undernourished and malnourished people. For the longer term, they may also wish to consider feasible approaches to devising food security strategies involving income- and employment-creation, supported in part by long-term donor-community commitments.

Documentation: WFC/1990/3 - Additional and more effective measures by Governments to alleviate hunger and poverty
WFC/1990/3/Add.1 - Report of WFC Regional Consultation, Latin America & the Caribbean, San José, Costa Rica, 5-6 December 1989
(Document available in Spanish and English)
WFC/1990/3/Add.2 - Report of WFC Regional Consultation, Africa & Western Asia, Cairo, Egypt, 22-23 January 1990
(Document available in English and French)
WFC/1990/3/Add.3 - Report of WFC Regional Consultation, Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, 1-2 February 1990
(Document available in English)

B. Action by developed countries to assist developing countries in their fight against hunger

At a meeting to be held in Paris in March 1990, developed-country members of the Council will review their policies in support of developing countries' efforts to fight hunger. This review, seen in the broader context of the decisions taken at the DAC ministerial meeting in December 1989 and the conclusions which emerged from the Council's regional consultations in San José, Cairo and Bangkok, will provide a base which Council ministers at their sixteenth session may wish to use in identifying requirements and priorities for stepped-up and improved development co-operation focused on hunger and poverty alleviation.

Documentation: WFC/1990/4 - Action by developed countries to assist developing countries in their fight against hunger

C. Improving co-ordination of national and international action towards a more concerted attack on hunger

More effective action to fight hunger and malnutrition in the 1990s will call for improved co-ordination between national institutions in both developing and developed countries, and between international agencies; and will require that the Council, within its mandate, encourage and promote further efforts to improve international agency co-ordination. In Bangkok, ministers are invited to: review current agency co-ordination arrangements and areas where improvements are required; recommend practical steps for improved agency collaboration; and consider further co-ordination efforts by the Council in the years ahead.

Documentation: WFC/1990/5 - Improving co-ordination of national and international action towards a more concerted attack on hunger

Item 4: Report on WFC follow-up action

The Council will have before it a summary of WFC activities in support of implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD) and food-security focused structural adjustment.

Documentation: WFC/1990/6 - Report on WFC follow-up action

Item 5: Bureau changes

During elections of the WFC Bureau at the fifteenth ministerial session of the Council, the Asian Group decided that the vice-presidency of the Council for the Asian States would be held by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Co-operatives of Thailand, Mr. Charoen Kanthawongs, until the end of the sixteenth ministerial session and, thereafter, by the Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources of Cyprus, Mr. Andreas Gavrielides.

Item 6: Other business

This item includes consideration of the Council's future programme of work.

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Item 7: Report of the Council to the Forty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly

In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, the Council's report will be submitted through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its Forty-fifth session.

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